been provided. During the current year 1988-89, 3500 DELs and 160 LDPTs are likely to be provided.

Allotment of Petrol pump and LPG agencies in Cuttack, Orissa

3589. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies so far allotted in the Cuttack district of Orissa by each oil company; and

(b) how many agencies are proposed to be allotted during the Seventh Plan period in Orissa and how many have been allotted upto June, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The number of Petrol/Diesel Pumps and LPG distributorships allotted so far by various oil companies in the Cuttack District of Orissa is as under:

Company	No. of LPG distributorships	No. of Retail Outlets
I O C	5	8
B P C	1	5
H P C	6	5
I B P	–	3
TOTAL :	12	21

(b) Under the annual marketing plans for the relevant products finalised so far during the Seventh Plan period, the following have been planned by the oil industry in Orissa:

L P G distributorships — 19

Retail Outlets (MS/HSD) — 18

The number of LPG distributorships and retail outlets established in Orissa as on 30-6-1988 were 67 and 303 respectively.

Thermal power projects under construction by NTPC

3590. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the thermal power projects which are at present under construction by the NTPC and by when they are likely to be completed, State-wise;

(b) whether the contracts for some of these projects have been awarded to some companies which have been black-listed by other public sector undertakings for their performance; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The commissioning status of the projects of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(b) and (d) The NTPC have not awarded contracts to any firm which has been black-listed by them or in respect of which an intimation to this effect has been received by them from other Ministries/Departments.

Statement

Commissioning schedule of NTPC Projects

Name of the Project	State where located	Description of the unit		Commissioning date	
				Actual	Anticipated
(1)	(2)	(3)		(4)	(5)
Singrauli	Uttar Pradesh	200 MW	Unit-1	2/82	
			Unit-2	11/82	
			Unit-3	3/83	
			Unit-4	11/87	
			Unit-5	2/82	
		500 MW	Unit-1	12/86	
			Unit-2	11/87	
Korba	Madhya Pradesh	200 MW	Unit-1	3/83	
			Unit-2	10/83	
			Unit-3	3/84	
		500 MW	Unit-1	5/87	
			Unit-2	3/88	
			Unit-3		3/89
Ramagundam	Andhra Pradesh	200 MW	Unit-1	11/83	
			Unit-2	5/84	
			Unit-3	12/82	
		500 MW	Unit-1	6/88	
			Unit-2		7/89
			Unit-3		7/90
Farakka	West Bengal	200 MW	Unit-1	1/86	
			Unit-2	12/86	
			Unit-3	8/87	
		500 MW	Unit-1		6/91
			Unit-2		6/92
Vindhyachal	Madhya Pradesh	210 MW	Unit-1	10/87	
			Unit-2	7/88	
			Unit-3		12/88
			Unit-4		5/89
			Unit-5		10/89
			Unit-6		3/90
Rihand	Uttar Pradesh	500 MW	Unit-1	3/88	
			Unit-2		3/89
Kahalgaon	Bihar	210 MW	Unit-1		7/91
			Unit-2		1/92
			Unit-3		7/92
			Unit-4		1/93
NCTPP	Uttar Pradesh	210 MW	Unit-1		12/91
			Unit-2		6/92
			Unit-3		12/92
			Unit-4		6/93

(1)	(2)	(3)		(4)	(5)
Auraiya GBCCPP . .	Rajasthan	100 MW GT	Unit-1		9/89
			Unit-2		11/89
			Unit-3		1/90
			Unit-4		3/90
		100 MW ST	Uuit-5		9/90
			Unit-6		1/91
Anta GBCCPP . .	Rajasthan	100 MW GT	Unit-1		8/89
			Unit-2		10/89
			Unit-3		12/89
		130 MW ST	Unit-4		8/90
Kawas . . .	Gujarat	100 MW GT	Unit-1		11/89
			Unit-2		1/90
			Unit-3		3/90
			Unit-4		5/90
		100 MW ST	Unit-5		11/90
			Unit-6		3/91

Installation of defective meters by DESU in CPWD, Housing complex, Vasant Vihar

3491. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after charging security from the consumers the DESU instals defective/faulty meters and issues inflated bills;

(b) whether it is also a fact that defective meters are not replaced for a long time and even after replacement, faulty meters are installed;

(c) whether any complaints have been received in this regard from the Central Government employees residing in CPWD Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi during 1987 and so far in 1988; if so, what action has been taken thereon, alongwith the number of complaints pending with the DESU; and

(d) what steps have been taken to refund the excess money charged by DESU from the consumers for no fault of theirs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) A prospective consumer is required to deposit security on the basis of the load asked for with DESU at the time of applying for a new connection. According to DESU, meters are installed by them after testing their accuracy. Meters which become defective after installation are replaced by DESU as and when reported by the consumer or the field staff, within a reasonable time.

Normally, electricity bills are sent on the basis of the readings of the meter.

(c) According to DESU, they do not maintain separate record of the complaints of defective meters and their replacement colony-wise. The work of replacement of defective meters of carried out by the respective zonal offices of DESU on a continuous basis.

(d) The excess amount, if any, is refunded or adjusted in the next bill.

Proposals for reduction in gestation period of Hydro-power projects

3592. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation